

California Tahoe Conservancy
Agenda Item 2
December 11, 2014

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2014**

Chair Larry Sevison called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. at Lake Tahoe Community College, South Lake Tahoe, California. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Members present:

Larry Sevison, Placer County, Chairman
John Hooper, Public Member, Vice Chairman
Karen Finn, Department of Finance
Lynn Suter, Public Member
Tom Davis, City of South Lake Tahoe
Todd Ferrara, California Natural Resources Agency (arrived at 10:05 a.m.)*

Members absent:

Nancy Gibson, United States Forest Service (ex-officio)*
Norma Santiago, El Dorado County*

Others:

Marian Moe, Deputy Attorney General (arrived at 10:20 a.m.)*

* Late arrival or absent due to the King Fire in El Dorado County.

Agenda Items

Agenda Item 1: Roll Call

Sue Ewbank of the staff called the roll.
Chairman Sevison presented retiring Deputy Director Ray Lacey with a framed photo of Lake Tahoe in honor of his 25 years of service to the Conservancy.

Agenda Item 2: Minutes

There were no additions or changes to the meeting minutes.

ACTION: Board member Tom Davis moved for approval of the minutes from the July 17, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote. Vice Chair Hooper abstained.

Agenda Item 3: Chairman's Report

Chairman Sevison announced that Item 9 would be moved ahead of Item 8 due to the number of public attendees interested in the item.

Chairman Sevison suggested that the staff consider future trading of Conservancy-owned buildable parcels with privately owned parcels within large Conservancy holdings. Staff Counsel Ryan Davis recommended that the item be agendaized as a discussion item for a future Board meeting. Chairman Sevison agreed that a public discussion would be welcome.

Agenda Item 4: Attorney General's Report

Marian Moe, Deputy Attorney General was delayed. Staff Counsel Ryan Davis announced that as required by Government Code section 11126.3 and as referenced in Agenda Item 12 the Conservancy would meet in closed session later in the meeting to discuss whether to initiate litigation pursuant to Government Code section 11126.(e)(1)(c)(i).

Agenda Item 5: Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Patrick Wright presented a brief report including an update on water bond funding and Cap and Trade money, Upper Truckee Marsh (UTM) management, and the Deputy Director Transition Plan.

Shawn Butler of the staff presented the UTM management overview.

Agenda Item 6: Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Sue Novasel expressed her appreciation to Mr. Lacey for his 25 years of service.

Cindy Gustafson thanked Mr. Lacey for his leadership and contributions to Tahoe City and North Lake Tahoe.

Ty Polastri thanked the Conservancy and Mr. Lacey for support of the Tahoe Bicycle Coalition.

Bill Cherry commented on the landlord tenant situation involving the Conservancy's recent acquisition of 2124 Tahoe Blvd. in South Lake Tahoe.

Charles Nelson expressed his appreciation for the Conservancy's efforts with the Greenway Bike Trail.

Agenda Item 7: Dollar Creek Shared-Use Trail

Lisa O'Daly of the staff introduced Placer County Department of Public Works Deputy Director Peter Kraatz and Jennifer Merchant, Deputy CEO with Placer County representing the North Lake Tahoe area.

Ms. Merchant introduced the Dollar Creek Shared-Use Trail Project. Mr. Kraatz presented the update. Ms. Merchant and Mr. Kraatz responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Public Comment: Member of North Tahoe Public Utility District (NTPUD) Board of Directors Phil Thompson clarified his Board's position with regard to the Firestone property. He stated that the NTPUD Board agreed to grant an easement to Placer County to build the bike trail. The remainder of the property would remain open for recreation.

North Lake Tahoe resident and member of NTPUD Board of Directors Susan Daniels expressed her concerns regarding potential negative impact on property values should Placer County choose to build their Justice Center on the property.

Highland Home Owners' Association President Ray Garland concurred with Ms. Daniels and expressed concern over potentially negative traffic implications.

Chair Sevison reminded everyone that this item was for discussion-only and was limited to the update on the construction of the bike trail.

No action was taken on this item.

Chair Sevison proposed a brief break at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Agenda Item 9: Upper Truckee River and Marsh Restoration Project

Stu Roll of the staff introduced the Upper Truckee River (UTR) and Marsh (UTM) Preliminary Staff Recommended Alternative. Peter Eichar of the staff presented the updated summary.

Mr. Eichar responded to questions from the Board and elaborated on the process going forward.

Al Tahoe resident Greg Poseley thanked the Conservancy for acknowledging and respecting the neighborhood perspective. He stated the neighborhood endorses the recommended alternative but has continuing concern regarding UTM enforcement.

Al Tahoe resident Jerry Carter expressed support for the alternatives.

Al Tahoe resident Bob Blaney expressed support for the Conservancy's efforts in the UTM and concurred with the need for increased enforcement.

East side resident Scott Dietrich supported the agency's efforts in the UTM and recommended additional signage on or near the beach.

West side resident Tom Rosenberg, suggested additional consideration of recreation in the UTM via the UTR. He also expressed concern regarding potential flooding and requested information on specific prevention measures.

Tahoe Area Sierra Club member Laurel Ames thanked the Conservancy for moving forward with the UTM restoration.

Chair Severson thanked the public for their interest and comments.

This was a discussion item only. No action was taken on this item.

Agenda Item 8: Aquatic Invasive Species Contract

Penny Stewart of the staff presented the item and responded to Board comments. There was no public comment on this item. Ms. Stewart recommended that the Board authorize Resolution 14-09-02.

ACTION: Board member Tom Davis made a motion for approval and Board member Todd Ferrara seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Agenda Item 10: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 11: Board Member Comment

Todd Ferrara expressed his appreciation for Ray Lacey's professionalism.

Vice Chair Hooper expressed his concurrence with Mr. Ferrara's comments.

Tom Davis also thanked Mr. Lacey for his 25 years of service.

Chair Sevison thanked Mr. Lacey for his service and willingness to assist the agency in the future, as needed.

Agenda Item 12: Closed Session

The Conservancy Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 11126.3 to consider whether to initiate litigation pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(1)(c)(i).

Following the closed session the Board reconvened in open session.

Deputy Attorney General Marian Moe stated that in the closed session the Board gave direction on three items of potential litigation and asked the staff to carry out their direction.

Agenda Item 13: Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

California Tahoe Conservancy
Resolution 14-12-01
Adopted: December 11, 2014

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the September 18, 2014 meeting of the California Tahoe Conservancy adopted on December 11, 2014.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of December, 2014.

Patrick Wright
Executive Director